

PROVISIONAL PROGRAM
First European Meeting on mountain huts
Sunday the 17th, Monday the 18th, and Tuesday, May 19, 2009 at Aussois (Savoie)

*NB : Speakers with an * need confirmation*

Sunday 17 Mai (optional)

Location: Paul Langevin Exhibition Center 73500 Aussois

- 3:00 pm** Welcome at the Exhibition Center
- 4:15 pm** Meeting in the Exhibition Center for the ascent to mountain huts
- 5:00 pm** Accompanied ascent to mountain huts (NB : possibility to join the mountain huts, independently and under your own responsibility, at 6:30 pm)
- 6:30 pm** Commented visit of mountain huts (Fond d'Aussois and Dent Parrachée mountain huts).
Presentation of the National Park of Vanoise, **Jean-Luc Gosselin and Dominique Giard**
- 8:00 pm** Dinner, mountain evening and overnight in mountain huts

Monday 18 May

Location: Paul Langevin Exhibition Center 73500 Aussois

- 10:00 am** Reception of participants – Visit exhibitors' stands
- 12:30 am** Lunch – Reception by **Alain Marnezy** –Aussois mayor, President of the Association of National Park of Vanoise cities mayors
- 2:30 pm** Opening of the meeting :
- **Christian Mantéi** - Managing director of ODIT France
 - **Christian Rochette** - Président of Syndicat des Pays de Maurienne, in charge of mountain policy
 - **Bernard Soulage*** - Vice-President of Rhône Alpes Region, delegate to transport, moving and infrastructure
 - **Joël Giraud** – Member of Parliament, Vice-President of Provence Alpes Côte d'Azur Region
 - **Michel Bouvard** - Member of Parliament, Président of Executive Commission of the « Conseil National de la Montagne »

3:20 pm Introductory talk : “**Functions and images of mountain huts**”

Speaker :

- **Jean-Michel Asselin** - Journalist, writer, alpinist

Topic 1 – “Mountain huts in Europe : which realities ?”

Moderator : **Marie Ameline** - Journalist at Radio France Bleu Pays de Savoie

3:40 pm Presentation : “**Mountain huts panorama in Europe**” - Summary of the preparatory study to the meeting by **Michel Rouffet** - Odit France

4:00 pm **Presentation of mountain huts specificities in various countries and mountain ranges in Europe :**

Speakers :

- Bulgaria : **Iordan Iordanov** – Manager of mountain huts department in Bulgarian Turistic Union
- France : **Georges Elziere** – President of the French Federation of Alpine Clubs and Mountain (F.F.C.A.M.)
- Italia : **Samuele Manzotti** - President of mountain huts central commission of the Italian Alpine Club
- Norway : **Anne Mari Aamflot Hjelle** –General assistant of Den Norske Turistforening
- Spain : **José Maria Nasarre** - President of the Aragonese Federation of Mountain
- Suisse : **Babette Dayer** – President of Romande Association of hutkeepers, Vice-President of Swiss Association of hutkeepers.

6:15 pm Roundtable discussion and discussion with the conference participants.

6:45 pm Break – Visit exhibitors’stands

7:15 pm Presentation of the Maurienne valley and its activities by the elected members around Mauriennais refreshments

8:00 pm Gala dinner – local specialities
Festive mountain evening (folk group Lo' Zoerin)

Tuesday 19 Mai (morning)

Location : Paul Langevin Exhibition Center 73500 Aussois

Topic 2 “The mountain huts, weighty elements of a mountain sustainable development policy”

Moderator : **Guy Chamereuil** - Journalist, director of «La Grande Traversée des Alpes »

9:00 am Opening talk – “**The mountain huts and various components of sustainable development**” by **Nathalie Morelle** - Consultant and coordinator for the international program “Via Alpina “

9:20 am Roundtable 2.1 : “**The mountain huts, “sustainable” tools to approach the mountain – What expectations ?**”

Speakers :

- Expectations of an urban area of Piedmont : Turin - **Professor Beltramo** – University of Turin
- Expectations of a mountain « département » : la Savoie – **Vincent Rolland** – Vice-president in charge of tourism at « Conseil général de la Savoie »
- Expectations of a mayor in mountain area – **Michel Aubry** - Mayor of Cauterets (Hautes Pyrénées)
- Expectations of a tour operator - **Jeff Tripard** – Allibert mountains and deserts
- Expectations of an environment agency - **Thierry Percie du Sert** – Assistant director of « Agence Régionale Pour l’Environnement Midi Pyrénées » and executive member of Euromontana

Roundtables discussion and discussion with the conference participants.

10:45 am Break

11:00 am Roundtable 2.2 : “**Mountain huts, which practical and sustainable answers to expectations ? Pilot experimentations**”

Speakers :

- Innovative architecture, a response to sustainable development : Monte Rosa Hütte– **Andréa Depazes*** - Professor in architecture department EPFZ Zurich
- Mountain huts of the National Park of Vanoise– **Dominique Giard** – « Parc National de la Vanoise » – and their keeping – **Valérie Lefèvre** – Président of the hutkeepers association of P.N.V. Response in matter of training hutkeepers – **Daniel Meunier** - General Secretary of « Syndicat National des Gardiens de Refuge » and **Pierre-Jean Pradalier** - President of the Pyrénées Hutkeepers Association and teaching manager in the training program of hutkeepers
- The program « Montagne sans frontières » (Alpes du Sud, France et Italie) - **Philippe Lantelme et Nino Perino** - co-Presidents
- The “mountain huts” policy of a mountain « Département » : Les Hautes Alpes - **Patrice Cea** – Tourism head manager at « Conseil Général des Hautes Alpes »

Discussion between the morning speakers and the conference participants.

**12:30 am/
2:15 pm**

Lunch – Visit exhibitors’stands

Tuesday 19 May (afternoon)

Topic 3 – “Mountain huts tomorrow, at the heart of an European Mountain policy

Moderator : **Marie Ameline**, Journalist in charge of mountains at « France Bleu Radio France – Pays de Savoie »

2:15 pm

Speakers :

- “For a sustainable development of mountain territories through mountain huts and hiking : the future of the Via Alpina” - **Gilles Chappaz** – « Grande Traversée des Alpes »
- Alcotra’s program : improving mountain huts supply for a sustainable development in vallée d’Aoste and Pays de Savoie – **Marie-Luce Frescurat** – Tourism agency of « Haute-Savoie » et **Primus Boldo** - University of Savoie
- Development possibilities given by European cooperation programs : hutkeepers training, improvement of mountain huts park – **Pilar Maza** – Plan manager in “Communauté de Travail des Pyrénées », Operational Program of Territorial Co-operation Spain-France-Andorra 2007-2013 and **Philippe Godard** – University of Toulouse 2
- “For a policy of mountain huts by large mountain ranges within an European mountain policy” - **Nicolas Evrard** – Director of the European Association of Mountain Representatives
- “Mountain huts and the Alpine Convention” - **Marco Onida** – General Secretary of the Alpine Convention

Roundtable discussion and discussion with the conference participants.

4:30 pm

Last session

- Overall evaluation : **Pierre Torrente** – Teacher at University of Toulouse 2 – CETIA
- The point of view of an European representative : **Lucchiano Caveri*** - Conseiller regional du Val d’Aoste (Italie)

5:15 pm

End of the meeting.